of the Lakshmi Commercial Bank Limited, New Delhi with Canara Bank. Weighing all relevant factors, it has been decided to merge the Bank with Canara bank.

Payments of debts to NIC by NCCF

2460. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that th? NCCF (National Consumers Cooperative Fede-J ation) and its various constituents h.ive not been properly paying back lis debts to the N»tkmal Textile Corporate 1 Limited and its various subsidiaries agains: the supply bills;

(b) if so, what are the detail thereof;

(c) what is the total amount of outstanding dues payable by the National Consumers Cooperative Federation to National Textile Corporation Limited and its subsidiaries alongwith the details of money payable by other constituents of Ihe National Consumers Cooperative Federation; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken hy Government to settle toe matter between the two organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINTSTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The total outstanding due* payable by NCCF to NTC| Subsidiaries against the supply of controlled cloth as on 15-7-1985, as per the account books maintained by NTC ars given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

1. Basic ex-mill price (above 30 days) . .	602.45
2. Subsidy amount (withheld for period prior to 16-7-83) .	34.8 o5
3. Interest and other amount .	116.85
TOTAI, ...	1067.35

(d) Instructions have been issued for fettling these dues immediately. Curently the reconsiliation of accounts whore necessary is being carried out by the two wga-nisations.

Mass recruitment in NTC (WBABO)

2461. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to si

(a) what progress has since b;;:; made regarding the inquiry into the questkmof mass recruitment by the present Hoard of Directors of the National Textile Corporation (WBABO) Limited. Calcuuu luring the period from July 1984 to November, 1984;

(b) whether it is a fact that Chief Managing director and Director (Personnel) have been involved in the matter; and

(c) if so, what action is being tiorAJS^d to be taken by Government to crnnsB the Board of Directors immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE CF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The trainess have since been 'disengaged' and two 'ficers have been placed under suspension. Enquiry and investigation is proceedieg.

Proposa) for partial closure of 1H80O, Burnpur

2462. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINIiS AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propo-; to close partially IISCO. Burnpur:

(b) if so, what are the reason- fol the same; and

(c) the extent to which it will affect the labour force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRE K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) <o (c) IISCO has been incurring heavy losses in the

lasl several years. Governraeni is examining various proposals to deal will, (he problem of IISCO incurring heavy losses.

Handling $_0$f drills ^{b}V coal division of Geological Survey of India

2463. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will Ihe Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to stale:

(a) the number of Drills attached arid handled by Coal Division of Geological Survey of India and their State-wise deve-
, lopment;

(b) how many Directors (Geology) connected with geological investigation for coal resources are attached ;o Coal Division and where they are stationed:

(c) what is the number of geological investigations being carried out by Coal Division at present; and

(d) whelher it is a fact that all Directors are operating from one stall one if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL. MINI'S AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a| There aie 51 drills attached to Ihe Coal Division of Geological Survey of " India. Their Siate-wise deployment is as follows:—

Andhra Pradesh ...	7
Arunachal Pradesh ...	1
Assam	I
Bihar	II
Madhya Pradesh . . .	l2
Maharashtra	1
Meghalaya	1
Orissa	5
Tamil Nu du	2
Wcsl Bengal . . .	">

In addition 2 drills from Western Region are deployed in Rajasthan Lignite Investigation.

(b) Theie are 9 Directors (Geology) connected with geological activities in Coal Wing of Geological Survey of India. I he Headquarters of these Directors is .a Calcutta.

ui Hie Coal Wing of GSI is carrying out 53 geological investigations -during the current Field Season.

Idl Ihe Headquarter of Ihe Directors of c oal Wing is at Calcutta. This is for the purpose of achieving close coordination with the Deputy Direeto,- General (Coal) who is stationed at Calcutta. (le.-.ihle programme of exploration strategy ai d clos.; iiiteraction between all Coal Directorates and the main user agency viz.. Coal lndia Limiied.

Regularisation of contingent workers in the coal division *a)!* GSI

2464. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Wilj ihe Minisler of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of contingent workers appointed prior to 31st December, 1969 who are yet to be absorbed in regular posts in Coal Division of Geological Survey of lndia and the reasons lov not regularising their services even after a period of 16 years; and

(b) the number of contingent workers regularised between lst .lanuary. 1971) arid 31st December, 1984 and their dates of appointment in contingent establishment?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL. MINES AND COAL (SHRT VASANT SATHE): (a) There are at present 18 contingent workers in the Coal Division of the Geological Survey of India who were engaged prior to 31.12.1969 who are yet to he absorbed in regular posts. The reasons fcr Iheir non-regularisation is that som- of Ihem did not accept the posts effered to them to be regularised in. while others were found unsuitable for regularisation it: spite of several chances given through interviews.

(b) A total of 172 contingent workers were regularised between lst January. 1970 and 3 J si December. 1984. These